a request signal sent from the network side block to the system side block that is used to request a transfer of data to the system side block;

a transfer ready signal sent from the system side block to the network side block that is asserted by the system side block to inform the network side block that the system side block is ready to receive data; and

a hold signal issued from the network side block to the system side block that may be asserted to control a timing of the transfer of data.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 3, line 9, please replace "diagram an" with --diagram of an--.

On page 7, line 10, please replace "requirements, for the network" with -- requirements for the network--.

On page 16, line 2, please replace "multiplexor" with --multiplexors--.

On page 17, line 14, please replace "FIGURES 11, 12 and 19" with -- FIGURES 12, 13 and 19--.

On page 19, line 6, please replace "Date" with --Data--.

On page 19, line 22, please replace "fro" with --from--.

On page 21, line 16, please replace "state" with --states--.

On page 22, line 16, please replace "state" with --states--.

On page 23, lines 5-6, please replace "at a point 158 if leaving it asserted would delay the last xft" with --at a point 158 to permit the last transfer of the packet to occur--.